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**JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

Please see Vicar Cowey's extended  
column as an insert this month  
including pictures of her trip.

*Bible Study (Catechism Study) resumes on 01/12/17 at 11am – Panera  
Bread on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.*

*01/12/17 ❖ 01/19/17 ❖ 01/26/17*

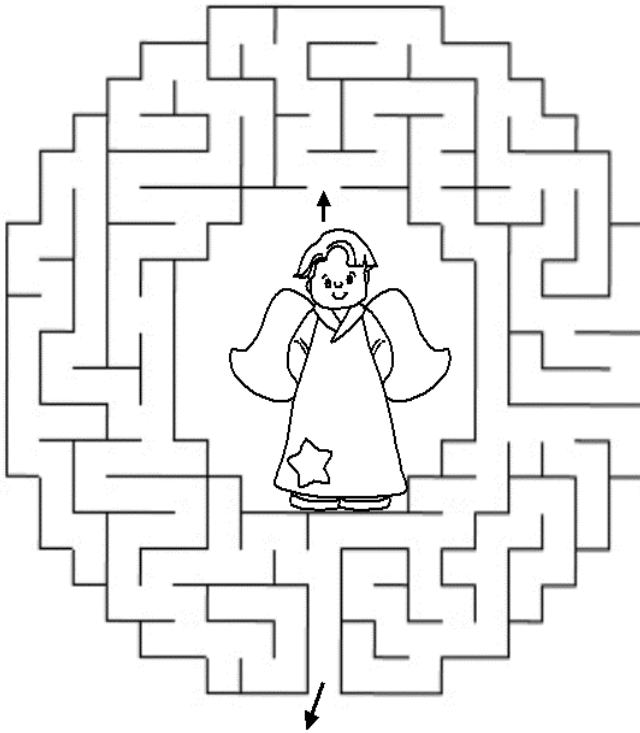


**Please Note:** Please inform the Vicar when you are going into the hospital. If you want to be visited, please let us know. Thank you. Vicar's cell phone is: 717-650-0999

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# Angels of the Bible Maze

Help the angel get the message to you!

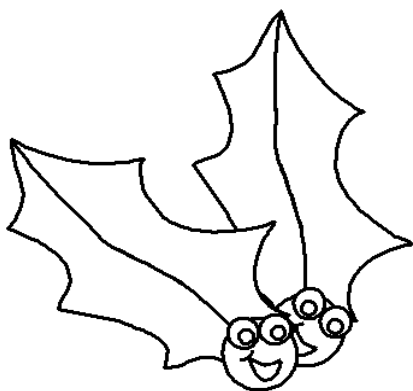


Draw a picture of yourself here!

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/t.asp?t=http://www.dltk-bible.com/mazes/b-maze-angels.gif>

# Christmas Word Search

O B E A Y H A R E E S P G L R T  
F R Q N G L E T O B A R N R V I  
C W N I A I I T N Y M E I U S N  
M O E A N C E M E A T S F D T S  
Y L O D M L Y N A U S E F O H E  
S L E K T E M D R F I N U L G L  
O E L S I I N K N U R T T P I C  
R U I O H E E T T A H S S H L A  
F M H C H Y S S T O C K I N G S  
S E I R R E B N A R C S E V L E



candycane	ornament
chimney	presents
Christmas	reindeer
cookies	Rudolph
cranberries	Santa
elves	sleigh
family	stockings
holly	stuffing
lights	tinsel
mistletoe	turkey

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/t.asp?t=http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/images/b-wordsearch.gif>

## **Sunday School Updates**

**January 1, 2017** – Happy New Year – no Sunday school;  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday school is back, hope to see all of our students return.

*Happy holidays from your education department.  
Thanks for reading.*

Carolyn Kuntz

## **Community Shelter** **Christmas Gift Bags**

Dear Friends of Immanuel,

Thank you so much for contributing so generously in filling Christmas bags for the adults spending the holidays at Community Shelter Services. The emergency shelter is located on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Little Italy, across the street from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. CSS is committed to ensuring that those in need have a place to sleep and food eat. Those who knock on its doors usually come with only the clothes they are wearing. They are provided with food, shelter, and support services that lead to stability. I have been on the CSS board for 6 years, so I have seen first-hand how invaluable this ministry is.

Thanks to your cash donations of \$255, your contributions of many specific items, and seed money from Thrivent Financial of \$250, we were able to deliver 41 brightly-colored bags for Christmas Day. Each bag contained simple items that men and women who are homeless often do not have. The bags were filled with warm scarves, hats, ear muffs, and socks, in addition to hand warmers, hand cream, lip balm, wash cloths, razors, pens, memo pads, pocket calendars, bus passes, and bags of cocoa, candy, and your homemade cookies. In each bag we put a Christmas card from the congregation with a Psalm 23 bookmark. We were also able to give festive tablecloths, napkins, cups, and plates for the residents' Christmas dinner. We were also able to give 10 \$5 McDonald's gifts cards to the 2 families with children who are currently living at the emergency shelter.

Many thanks to Denise Arnold, who sewed 44 warm fleece scarves for the bags; Anita Byrne, who signed each Christmas card with a special note; Mary Hauser, who organized the gift list for items needed; and those who helped assemble the bags—Judy and Tom Stewart, Penny Malony, Stan Holsopple, Mary Masters, Char Feiler, and Vicar Cowey.

Twice a year, any member of Thrivent Financial is able to lead an “action team” around a cause you care about. Thrivent provides the seed money and a kit to make it easy.

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way to share the love and presence of the Christ Child with those who are so often overlooked. Through you, Christ’s light shines in the darkness. You made Christmas a little brighter for 41 of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Wishing you God’s peace in the New Year,  
*Pr. Karen Lundwall*





## January 2017

### Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
<b>1/1/17</b>	New Year's Day 1 service			
<b>10:00</b>	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Gretchen Andrews</b>	<b>Bob Dorler</b>	<b>Lorraine Hornaman</b>
<b>1/8/17</b>				
<b>Early</b>	<b>P. Washill</b>	<b>Ben Reitz</b>	n/a	<b>Cindy Eckman</b>
<b>Late</b>	<b>P. Washill</b>	<b>Char Feiler</b>	n/a	<b>Lori Nemenz</b>
<b>1/15/17</b>				
<b>Early</b>	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Stan Holsopple</b>	<b>Rick Kuntz</b>	<b>Barb Coughlin</b>
<b>Late</b>	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Bob Dorler</b>	<b>Bob Roemer</b>	<b>Claudia Skerlong</b>
<b>1/22/17</b>				
<b>Early</b>	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Bob Dorler</b>	<b>Hannah Mays</b>	<b>Bob Dorler</b>
<b>Late</b>	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Bob Roemer</b>	<b>Debbie Redditt</b>	<b>Debbie Madurski</b>
<b>1/29/17</b>				
	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Debbie Redditt</b>	<b>Rick Kuntz</b>	<b>Bill Redditt</b>
	<b>V. Cowey</b>	<b>Cindy Geddes</b>	<b>Anita Byrne</b>	<b>Ann Anderson</b>

**Acolyte:** Madison Penpek (except 1/1) **Altar Guild:** D. Dorler/J. Stewart

**Counters:** John & Maria Siefert/Debbie Redditt

**Ushers:** E: Bill Boyd/Jack Botwright L: Bob Roemer

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment – please find an alternate & notify the church office.

### **Save the Date: Celebrations, Concerts, Activities**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration – 1/5/17 \* 7-9 pm**

See the bulletin board for details for this fun gathering at Millcreek Brewing on W. Lake Rd. -- Sign up by 12/31/16



## January Birthdays

January 1	Willis Bax/Steve Holsopple
11	Kim Paternosh
12	Jeremy Cool
13	Lynn Jackson
15	Robin Steger
19	Jack Botwright
22	Mason Reitz
25	Debbie Redditt/Corrine Glover
26	Judy Sierota

**Everyone loves a birthday card! Please remember a member!!**

Did I forget you? Please e-mail me or call me with your birthdays, anniversaries or a special day you would like us to share.

[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

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### **From The Immanuel Library Book Worm**

**Amy Carmichael: A Life Abandoned to God –**  
BY SAM WELLMAN 32W



If you decide to read this book, please don't give up as you read facts and figures of this young girl dedicated to doing God's work.

In a very round-about set of circumstances, she became a missionary in India around 1894. The story leads the reader through Amy's trials in getting a school started so she could take in the young girls who were forced into prostitution at dangerously young ages. Her determination saved many young lives. Her dedication to doing God's work never faltered due to her very strong faith!

*Reviewed by Jeanette Swanson*

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Lucie Arnold, Esther Bax, Rose Brown, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Marie McKinney, Sharon Roemer, George Roth, Crystal S., Pastor Schultz, Debbie Sitter, Robin Steger, Loraine Wambsgans, Pastors Washill & Weber, Kim Wingard, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We pray for those in the military: Scott Case– Navy, (C.Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson - Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).



*Please also remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. The current Shut-In List is available in the office.*

### **Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flower Sponsorship Charts for 2017**

The 2017 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Charts are posted in the narthex and we invite you to consider sponsoring as you are able. Please sign your name on the chart, along with your commemoration next to the date(s) you select or call the church office at 833-4062, email us, or stop by and I will take your request.

Either is a great way to honor/memorialize that special occasion.

The cost of Altar Flowers from the florist is \$30; the sanctuary candles are \$5/wk and rosebuds are \$10 – due on the date of sponsorship. If you prefer to bring your own flowers or plants please contact the office to make arrangements.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND HUNGER APPEAL THIS YEAR AND FOR THE MANY VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN OUR HOLIDAY PLANNING & CELEBRATIONS!!!**

## **Church Council Committees**

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!  
Council usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month – 7PM*

**Year-end Reports are due by 1/5/17  
January 15, 2017 – Congregation Meeting**

### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

### **Communications**

Council liaison: vacant    Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)  
Did you miss church? Like to refresh your day by reading the sermon?  
Need to keep updated and want easy access to the church calendar,  
newsletter or annual report?

Check out our website <http://www.ilc-erie.org/>

### **Fellowship, Outreach & Growth**

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

### **Finance**

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

### **Property**

Council liaison: vacant    Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

Property Committee usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month-7pm

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: John Seifert

**Please fill out your Time & Talent forms and consider a 2017  
Pledge –pick up a form at church or ask for one in the office**

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

**New Bell Choir members!! Yeah!!**

**12<sup>TH</sup> Night Gathering – see the bulletin board for details**



## **Immanuel Hours**

Church Office – 833-4062

Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-  
12:30pm

# **All are Welcome**

### **Staff**

Vicar Heidi Cowey

Bell Choir Director Lorraine Hornaman

Church Caretaker Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music Director Bryan Timm

Administrative Secretary Lori Swanson Nemenz

### **Sunday school**

Superintendent Carolyn Kuntz

Assistant Janice Kreger

### **Elected Lay Leadership**

Treasurer John Siefert

Financial Secretary Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

### **Church Council Officers**

President David Mays – 838-3239

Vice President – Ben Reitz – 460-0575

Secretary Kim Lee -838-4022

### **Council Members**

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser, Kim Lee, David Mays, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert.